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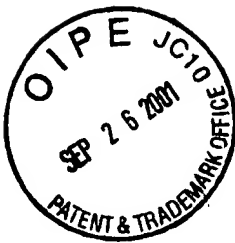
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**Response to Notice of Incomplete Reply (NonProvisional)  
Transmittal Letter**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Incomplete Reply (NonProvisional) mailed August 17, 2001. A Response to Notice to File Missing Parts was previously mailed on July 23, 2001 and copy of the declaration was attached. Attached is a copy of the Declaration and copy of the Postcard which was stamped by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in receipt of the Notice to File Missing Parts.

- ☒ A Declaration of Inventorship and Limited Power of Attorney is enclosed and was previously filed in the grandparent application Serial No. 09/058,238, of which this is a continuation.
- ☒ An Assignment of the invention to Safety Associates, Inc., was previously recorded in the grand parent application Serial No. 09/058,238, of which this is a continuation.
- ☒ The following declaration(s) in support of Small Entity status for this application are enclosed:
  - ☐ Inventor(s).
  - ☐ Individual other than inventor.
  - ☐ Nonprofit organization.

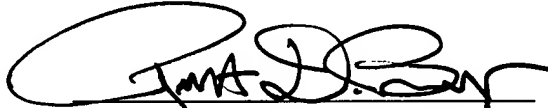
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- ☐ Check No. 2316 in the amount of \$65.00 is enclosed covering the surcharge and Check No. 2318 in the amount of \$55.00 for petition for one-month extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a).
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment and credit any overpayment of the filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees required under 37 § CFR 1.17 to Deposit Account No.50-0878.

Respectfully submitted,

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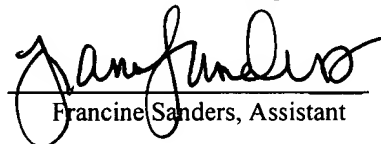
  
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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has received your reply on 07/26/2001 to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed 04/23/2001 and it has been entered into the nonprovisional application. The reply, however, does not include the following items required in the Notice.

The period of reply remains as set forth in the Notice. You may, however, obtain EXTENSIONS OF TIME under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a) accompanied by the appropriate fee (37 CFR 1.17(a)).

A complete reply must be timely filed to prevent ABANDONMENT of the above-identified application.

- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*

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